GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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BENEFITS SOCIAL SECURITY TO MINE WORKERS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a). the steps taken by the Government to enhance the benefits and social security provided to mine workers engaged in coal and other mines;

(b). whether the Government have allocated only a meagre amount for the benefit of these workers for their social security;

(c). the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise and company-wise;

(d). whether the Government propose to allocate more funds for the same during the current financial year; and

(e). if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE RAVISHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (e): Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question number 325 for answer on 6.8.2002.

(a): Public Sector Undertakings in coal industry are providing housing, medical, education and other facilities. In addition the following schemes exist for extending social security to workers in the coal industry.

i) Coal Mines Provident Fund Scheme, 1948
ii) Coal Mines Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976
iii) Coal Mines Pension Scheme, 1998

Welfare and social security of workers in the private sector mines are governed by the general laws of the land. Also, there are mineral specific Labour Welfare Fund Acts, which provide for financing of activities to promote the welfare of persons employed in mines.

(b). Government allocates funds for social security of workers as per the statutory stipulations of the relevant Act.

(c), (d) & (e). For the coal sector, Government is allocating funds for social security under Coal Mines Pension Scheme, 1998 and Coal Mines Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976. There is no company-wise allocation . The year wise allocation for the last three years and budget estimates for the current financial year are as follows:

(figures in rupees)

Name of the Scheme	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03 B. E.
Coal Mines Pension Scheme, 1998	27,92,99,000	24,27,25,000	25,87,74,000	25,87,76,000
Coal Mines Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme,1976	68,68,000	94,78,000	1,01,30,000	1,15,00,000

As regards other mines, mineral specific labour welfare fund Acts are administered by the Ministry of Labour.